IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: DeWitt, Jr. et al. Group Art Unit: 2192

Serial No.: 10/757,197 Examiner: Dao, Thuy Chan

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8888888 For: Method and Apparatus for Optimizing **Code Execution Using Annotated Trace** information Having Performance Indicator

and Counter Information

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A fee of \$790.00 is required for filing a Request for Continued Examination. I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Preliminary to the continued examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.